ANNUAL REPORTS

OF THE

TOWN OFFICERS

OF

NELSON, N. H.

FOR THE YEAR ENDING

FEBRUARY 15, 1900.

KEENE, N. H.
SENTINEL PRINTING COMPANY, PRINTERS.
1900.

REPORT OF SELECTMEN.

The selectmen would respectfully submit the following report of the financial affairs of the town of Nelson, for the year ending February 11, 1900.

VALUATION OF THE TOWN, APRIL 1, 1899.

Resident valuation,	$76,649 00
Non-resident valuation,	48,470 00
	$125,119 00

Amount of taxes assessed, $2,115.10.

Rate per cent. on $100, $1.60.

Invoice of the town, 1899, was as follows:

70 polls,	$7,000 00
98 horses,	4,891 00
14 oxen,	610 00
145 cows,	4,091 00
20 neat stock,	360 00
301 sheep,	877 00
36 hens,	18 00
13,674 acres real estate,	103,226 00
Money on hand or at interest,	4,570 00
Stock in trade,	1,650 00
Bank stock,	526 00
Mills and machinery,	4,300 00
	$132,119 00

Amount raised, 1899 :

State and county,	$583 72
Town charges,	200 00
Highways and bridges,	550 00
Schools,	400 00
Breaking roads,	250 00
Memorial Day,	10 00
Library,	21 00
	$2,014 72
Total amount levied for all purposes,	$2,115 10

RECEIPTS FOR 1899.

Cash in treasury,	$136 86
Uncollected taxes, 1897,	30 45
Uncollected taxes, 1898,	230 10
Taxes, 1899,	1,986 10
Interest on taxes, 1898,	10 71
Interest on taxes, 1899,	2 24
Dog license,	52 95
Literary fund,	25 65
Savings bank tax,	185 78
Railroad tax,	4 25
Money borrowed from Keene National Bank,	197 96
Use of town hall,	3 00
	$2,866 05

ABATEMENTS.

Abatements to collector, 1898,	$4 28
Abatements to collector, 1899,	2 60

DISBURSEMENTS.

State tax,	$297 50
County tax,	286 22
	$583 72

SUPPORT OF POOR.

T. W. Barker, support of poor,	$20 00

SUPPORT, SUPPLIES AND SALARIES OF SCHOOL OFFICERS.

W. W. Dunn, school treasurer,	$485 40
R. E. Davis, school supplies,	28 96
Mrs. W. W. Dunn, services on school board,	11 00
Mrs. R. E. Davis, services on school board,	7 50
James E. Ruffle, services on school board,	6 00
W. W. Dunn, school treasurer,	3 00
	$541 86

HIGHWAYS AND BRIDGES.

W. W. Atwood, agent, 1898,	$5 49
W. W. Atwood, agent, 1899,	532 85
W. W. Atwood, one-half of cost on Cottage road,	3 74
	$542 08

BREAKING ROADS, 1899.

W. W. Atwood, road agent, 1899,	$149 44
W. W. Atwood, road agent, 1900,	14 08
	$163 52

SUPPORT OF TOWN LIBRARY.

John H. Osgood, trustee,	$21 00
Delia Osgood, librarian,	10 00
	$31 00

INTEREST ON TOWN NOTES.

T. W. Barker, interest,	$31 27
W. C. Tolman, interest,	6 00
	$37 27
Paid Keene National Bank, note and interest,	$200 00

TOWN OFFICERS.

Orson C. Tolman, selectman,	$40 00
John H. Osgood, selectman,	25 00
Harry R. Green, selectman,	22 00
Fred A. Scott, town clerk,	20 00
George H. Hart, tax collector,	24 00
V. C. Atwood, board of health,	3 80
T. W. Barker, treasurer,	10 00
T. W. Barker, overseer of poor,	8 00
Albert Davis, supervisor,	3 00
George H. Hart, collecting dog license,	5 00
John H. Osgood, sexton,	7 50
George H. Hart, police officer,	3 00
	$171 30

MISCELLANEOUS.

W. H. Spalter, record book and supplies,	$4 48
V. C. Atwood, (board of health), postage, sulphur, etc.,	39
Dr. S. M. Dinsmore, record of deaths and births,	1 50
J. Hadlock, repairs for scraper,	8 85
Don H. Woodward, counsel, 1896,	1 00
Dr. N. F. Cheever, births, deaths and medical attendance,	3 25
James H. Scott, casket,	4 50
Harry R. Green, caskets,	13 50

Sentinel Printing Co., printing town reports,	$31 00
J. H. Osgood, wood and supplies for town hall,	3 85
J. H. Osgood, care of town hall,	2 50
Aldrich & Son, insurance on library,	5 00
Susan E. Bryant, housing scraper,	2 00
Selectmen, perambulating town lines,	6 00
T. W. Barker, care of tramps,	2 50
J. H. Osgood, flags for Memorial Day,	75
George H. Hart, tax bills and postage,	1 61
George H. Hart, casket,	4 50
Paid for plow,	12 00
	$109 18

RECAPITULATION.

State and county tax,		$583 72
Support of poor,		20 00
Support of schools,		541 86
Highways and bridges,		542 08
Breaking roads, 1899 and 1900,		163 52
Support of library,		31 00
Interest on town notes,		37 27
Paid Keene National Bank, note and interest,		200 00
Town officers,		171 30
Miscellaneous,		109 18
		$2,399 93
Total amount of receipts,	$2,866 05	
Total amount of disbursements,	2,399 93	
		$466 12

LIABILITIES.

T. W. Barker, note,	$600 00
Jessie M. Green, note,	200 00
	$800 00

Dog licenses,	$52 65
Literary fund,	25 65
	$878 60

ASSETS.

Cash in treasury, February 15, 1900,	$466 12
Uncollected taxes, 1899,	126 40
Due from county,	20 00
	$612 52
Total liabilities,	$878 60
Total assets,	612 52
Net debt of town,	$266 12

ORSON C. TOLMAN,
JOHN H. OSGOOD,
HARRY R. GREEN,
Selectmen of Nelson.

I hereby certify that I have examined the above report and found it correctly cast and properly vouched.

W. W. DUNN,
Auditor.

REPORT OF TOWN TREASURER.

RECEIPTS.

Cash on hand, Feb. 15, 1899,	$136 86
Received of V. C. Atwood, taxes of 1898,	230 10
Received of V. C. Atwood, taxes of 1897,	30 45
Interest on taxes,	10 71
Received of George Hart, taxes for 1899,	1,986 10
Received interest on taxes of 1899,	2 24
Received dog license,	52 95
Received of Keene National Bank,	197 96
Savings bank tax,	185 78
Railroad tax,	4 25
Literary fund,	25 65
Use of town hall,	3 00
	$2,866 05

DISBURSEMENTS.

Paid by order of selectmen,	$2,399 95
Cash in treasury, Feb. 15, 1900,	466 10
	$2,866 05

THADDEUS W. BARKER,
Treasurer.

I hereby certify that I have examined the above report and found it correctly cast and properly vouched.

W. W. DUNN, Auditor.

REPORT OF OVERSEER OF THE POOR.

Paid Arvilla Holt,		$52 00
Paid H. R. Green, for telephoning and groceries for Preston family,		7 40
Paid Nims Brothers, meat for Preston family,		1 75
Paid M. M. Bailey, for boarding William Sparks nine days,		9 00
Paid Dr. Hill, services and medicine,		7 00
Telephoning twice,		30
Ticket to Boston,		2 20
Cash on hand, Feb. 15, 1900,		22 35
		$102 00
Cash on hand, March, 1899,	$17 00	
Received from county,	65 00	
Received from town,	20 00	
		$102 00
Feb. 1900, due from the county,		$44 65

THADDEUS W. BARKER,
Overseer of the Poor.

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W. W. DUNN,
Auditor.

REPORT OF ROAD AGENT FOR 1899.

EXPENDITURES.

APRIL.

W. W. Atwood,	$5 86
F. A. Wilder,	1 80
H. F. Priest,	2 00
	$9 66

MAY.

W. W. Atwood,	$27 30
Horse,	2 35
F. A. Wilder,	75
H. F. Priest,	20 55
G. H. Osgood,	1 50
G. N. Robbins,	3 37
A. J. Beal and oxen,	7 50
L. Patrick,	3 90
T. A. Hastings, team,	47 50
Geo. Henderson,	9 00
M. Hart,	9 00
E. G. Worcester,	6 00
H. C. Fay,	1 05
	$139 77

JUNE.

W. W. Atwood,	$30 31
Horses,	11 15
H. F. Priest,	2 25
G. N. Robbins and horses,	1 50

A. J. Beal and oxen,	$10 35
L. Patrick,	4 50
T. A. Hastings, team,	15 00
Geo. Henderson,	21 40
M. Hart,	15 38
E. G. Worcester,	2 25
John Stevens,	3 38
M. M. Bailey,	8 70
L. J. Colony estate,	1 74
C. L. Towne,	1 50
D. Trumbley,	6 00
L. Cabot,	6 45
Albert Davis,	1 20
E. C. Tolman,	30
W. A. Page, sharpening drills,	1 05
	$144 41

JULY.

W. W. Atwood,	$4 65

AUGUST.

W. W. Atwood,	$13 25
Horses,	5 25
H. F. Priest,	10 50
L. Patrick,	10 50
W. H. Stoddard,	5 10
C. H. Osgood,	60
E. C. Tolman,	75
	$45 95

SEPTEMBER.

W. W. Atwood,	$16 64
Horses,	1 05
H. F. Priest,	5 02
L. Patrick,	7 73
T. A. Hastings, team,	10 00
A. W. Wilder,	2 70
	$43 14

OCTOBER.

W. W. Atwood,	$24 92
Horses,	4 30
F. A. Wilder,	1 50
A. J. Beal and oxen,	5 25
L. Patrick,	1 50
Geo. Henderson,	1 50
John Stevens,	3 00
M. M. Bailey and oxen,	9 00
Geo. Wellman,	2 25
Henry Davis,	3 20
A. H. Rugg and horses,	5 00
H. R. Green,	60
G. W. Robbins,	30
	$62 32

NOVEMBER.

W. W. Atwood,	$5 43

DECEMBER.

E. C. Tolman,	$1 55

BRIDGE PLANK.

Henry Wilson, 3,028 feet,	$30 28
T. A. Hastings, 2,277 feet,	25 17
G. W. Robbins, 95 feet,	95
E. C. Tolman, 149 feet,	1 70
Stoddard Lumber Co., 1,275 feet,	12 75
J. E. Ruffle, stringers,	43
F. A. Wilder, railing,	1 00
Knowlton & Stone, drain pipe,	9 26
A. B. Skinner Co., dynamite,	1 05
H. R. Green, spikes, etc.,	70
G. H. Hart, spikes,	16
	$83 45

AMOUNT EXPENDED.

April,	$9 66
May,	139 77

June,	$144 41
July,	4 65
August,	45 95
September,	43 14
October,	62 32
November,	5 43
December,	1 55
Bridge plank, drain pipe, etc.,	83 45
	$540 33
Due road agent for 1898,	$5 49
	$545 82

RECEIPTS.

Received of selectmen, on highway,	$538 34
Received of selectmen, on Cottage road,	3 74
Received of F. E. Corey, on Cottage road,	3 74
	$545 82
Bridge plank and stringers on hand,	10 40
Total amount expended in 1899,	527 94

WINSLOW W. ATWOOD,
Road Agent.

BREAKING ROADS IN 1899.

A. J. Beal,	$29 83
Geo. N. Robbins,	9 10
Chas. Brown,	2 70
John Cowen,	1 80
M. E. Hart,	4 95
E. G. Worster,	4 05
H. C. Fay,	2 10
M. M. Bailey,	10 80
John Stevens,	3 91

Leander Patrick,	$3 34
Fred Patrick,	2 21
F. A. Wilder,	1 13
A. W. Cram,	1 50
W. A. Page,	60
L. Cabot,	9 55
J. E. Ruffle,	4 80
W. H. Stoddard,	6 32
Geo. H. Hart,	90
Albert Davis,	1 82
James H. Wilson,	16 75
Geo. H. Osgood,	75
G. W. Osgood, crossing mowing,	1 50
E. C. Tolman,	19 88
W. W. Atwood,	10 73
J. E. Ruffle,	45
M. M. Bailey,	3 90
A. J. Beal,	4 43
Geo. N. Robbins,	1 20
W. W. Atwood,	2 60
	$163 52
Received of selectmen,	$163 52

WINSLOW W. ATWOOD,
Road Agent.

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W. W. DUNN,
Auditor.

REPORT OF SCHOOL BOARD.

The school board of Nelson herewith present their annual report.

SCHOOL NO. 1.

The spring term was taught by Mrs. Sarah F. Tolman, of Nelson. We think the work done was satisfactory.

The fall term was taught by Miss Grace F. Gardner, of West Hanover, Mass. This term was not as successful as we could wish. Those having primary scholars however, were better satisfied than those with more advanced pupils, as she seemed to spend most of her time with the little ones.

The winter term was taught by Miss S. Emma Barrett, of Sullivan. Miss Barrett is a young teacher, this being her second school, but we think with experience she will make a good one. It was a mistake that all the pupils did not attend school.

SCHOOL NO. 2.

The school year of three terms was taught by Miss Myra E. Abbott, of Stoddard. Miss Abbott is a very capable, energetic teacher. The interest manifested by the pupils through the entire year is shown by their prompt and regular attendance. There was one term of ten weeks without a mark on the register.

ROLL OF HONOR.

Spring term.—Allie Blodgett, Helen Blodgett, Sadie Blodgett, Roland Beal, Edith Osgood, Lula Stoddard, Millicent Ruffle, Grace M. Barker, Cara B. Barker, Elmer Hildreth, Blanche Murdough, Clara B. Page.

Fall term.—Bessie C. Priest, Roland Beal, Cara B. Barker, Ethel H. Robbins, Leslie F. Bardwell, Wallace K. Scott, Harry J. Scott, Susie E. Wilson, Clara B. Page, Blanche A. Murdough, Harold Galvin, Sidney J. Green, C. Marguerite Page.

Winter term.—Lena B. Galvin, Leslie F. Bardwell, Harold Galvin, Sidney J. Green, Wallace K. Scott, Harry J. Scott.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. MABELL DUNN,
JAMES E. RUFFLE,
School Board of Nelson.

STATISTICAL TABLE.

No. of school.	Name of Teacher.	Length of term in weeks.	No. of pupils.	Reading and spelling.	Penmanship.	Arithmetic.	Geography.	Grammar.	History.	Bookkeeping.	Algebra.	Physiology.	Composition.	Wages per month including board.	Average daily attendance.	Roll of honor.	Tardiness.	Visitors.	Rhetoric.	Civil government.
	SPRING TERMS.																			
1	Mrs. Sarah F. Tolman	9	19	18	18	17	10	8	4		1	5		$28.00	15	7	5	47		
2	Miss Myra E. Abbott	10	14	14	14	12	11	5	4	2		4	7	28.00	12	5	5	67	1	1
	FALL TERMS.																			
1	Miss Grace F. Gardner	9	16	16	16	16	16	7	14	5	1	5	7	28.00	14	2	11	40		
2	Miss Myra E. Abbott	10	12	12	10	10	9	9	5		4		9	28.00	12	12		24		
	WINTER TERMS.																			
1	Miss S. Emma Barrett	9	11	11	11	11	11	6	2	6				28.00	6		5	23		
2	Miss Myra E. Abbott	9	13	13	10	10	10	9	5		4		9	28.00	11	6		37		

SCHOOL TREASURER'S REPORT.

Cash in treasury, Feb. 15, 1899,	$16 08
Received of town treasurer,	485 40
	$501 48

DISBURSEMENTS.

Paid by order of the school board:

Mrs. H. R. Galvin, cleaning schoolhouse,	$2 00
C. W. Kendall, repairing clock,	1 00
A. W. Wilder, making schoolhouse steps,	50
Mrs. W. P. Tolman, teaching 9 weeks,	63 00
George H. Hart, boarding Merton Hart's child,	8 00
Myra E. Abbott, teaching 10 weeks,	42 50
Mrs. W. W. Dunn, boarding teacher 10 weeks,	27 50
Mrs. Geo. Blodgett, carrying Blodgett children,	11 25
J. E. Ruffle, labor and bolts on schoolhouse shed in No. 2,	3 80
Edith H. Osgood, care of schoolhouse,	1 00
Susan E. Bryant, cleaning schoolhouse,	1 50
Geo. W. Robbins, lumber for repairing shed,	1 40
Grace F. Gardner, teaching 9 weeks,	36 00
C. C. Priest, boarding teacher 9 weeks,	27 00
Myra E. Abbott, teaching 10 weeks,	42 50
Harry J. Scott, care of schoolhouse 3 weeks,	60
Wallace K. Scott, care of schoolhouse 17 weeks,	3 40
Mrs. W. W. Dunn, boarding teacher 10 weeks,	27 50

S. Emma Barrett, teaching 9 weeks,	$63 00
Myra E. Abbott, teaching 9 weeks,	38 25
Leslie F. Bardwell, care of schoolhouse,	1 80
Mrs. W. W. Dunn, boarding teacher 9 weeks,	24 75
Leslie F. Bardwell, four panes of glass and setting,	38
Geo. W. Robbins, kindling wood,	75
J. E. Ruffle, 3 cords wood, cutting and putting in shed,	12 00
Edward Stannard, care of schoolhouse,	1 50
Albert Davis, broom,	25
W. A. Page, stove hook for No. 2,	20
Alfred Gauthier, 4 cords of wood,	12 00
Chester L. Towne, sawing and putting in shed 4 cords of wood,	4 00
Harry R. Green, merchandise,	49
	$459 82
Cash in hands of treasurer,	41 66
	$501 48

Respectfully submitted,

W. W. DUNN,
Treasurer.

REPORT OF BOARD OF HEALTH,

For the Year ending February 15, 1900.

November twenty-fourth, 1899, a case of scarlet fever was reported to us by Dr. Hildreth of Marlboro, in the family of M. M. Bailey; we at once attended to the case, and quarantined the house by posting a card on the outside door. November twenty-ninth, another case was reported in the same family; both patients were out of town when attacked with the disease. Every precaution was taken to prevent contagion. December twentieth we were notified by Dr. Hildreth, that there was no danger of contagion by the patients, and to fumigate the house. One of the patients being unable to leave her bed and room, by reason of other infirmities, we appointed M. M. Bailey, agent to fumigate and remove the card, as soon as circumstances would permit, which duty was performed by him December 30, 1899.

In discharging the duties of our office, we have complied in every particular with the laws of the state.

Respectfully submitted,

VARANES C. ATWOOD,
JAMES E. RUFFLE,
Board of Health.

REPORT OF THE

TRUSTEES OF NELSON PUBLIC LIBRARY,

For the Year ending March 1, 1900.

Cash on hand March 1, 1899,	$5 01
Received from town treasurer,	21 00
Received from fines and cards sold,	85
	$26 86
Expended for books,	22 30
Cash on hand March 1, 1900,	$4 56
Number of volumes in library,	1,065
Number of volumes added during the year,	81
Number of volumes purchased,	56
Number of volumes received from state and government,	14

The trustees would gratefully acknowledge the gift of seven books from Henry Melville, Esq., of New York, and four from Mrs. B. C. Clark of Boston.

HENRY D. TAYLOR,
JOHN H. OSGOOD,
E. J. TOLMAN,
Trustees.

VITAL STATISTICS.

To the Selectmen:

In compliance with an act of the legislature passed June session, 1887, requiring clerks of towns to furnish a transcript of the record of births, marriages and deaths for publication in the Annual Report, I hereby submit the following:

BIRTHS REGISTERED IN THE TOWN OF NELSON, N. H., FOR THE YEAR ENDING DEC. 31, 1899.

Date of Birth.	Name of Child (if any).	Sex and Condition.			Name of Father.	Maiden Name of Mother.	Occupation of Father.	Birthplace of Father.	Birthplace of Mother.	Age of Father.	Age of Mother.
		Male or Female.	Living or Stillborn.	No. of child 1st, 2d, etc.							
Feb. 16	Florence Helen.	F	L	1		Ida Belle Sweeney.			Andover, Ms.		16
Apr. 2	Everett Wilson.	M	L	1	Albertis W. Wilder.	Eva F. Holt.	Chair maker.	Keene.	Nelson.	30	21
June 14	Frances Ernest.	M	L	8	Joseph H. Durant.	Melvina LeBonte.	Farmer.	Canada.	Canada.	41	33
July 9	Clesson Paul.	M	L	7	George H. Hart.	Julia A. Sharon.	Merchant.	Nelson.	Lawrence, Ms.	42	31
Aug. 7	Paul Dewey.	M	L	5	George W. Blodgett.	Henrietta Hunter.	Carpenter.	New Hampshire.	Massachusetts.	36	34
Sept. 1	Rufus Homer.	M	L	5	Homer F. Priest.	Ethel Martin.	Butcher.	New Hampshire.	Nova Scotia.	32	27

Deaths Registered in the Town of Nelson, N. H., for the Year ending Dec. 31, 1899.

Date of Death.	Name and Surname of the Deceased.	Age.			Place of Birth.	Sex and Cond'n		Place of Birth.		Name of Father.	Maiden Name of Mother.
		Years.	Months.	Days.		Male or Female.	S., M., W.*	Father.	Mother.		
Mar 25	Martha A. Morrison.	65	4	7	Stoddard.	F	W			Danforth Taylor.	Anna Whiting.
Sept 26	Bertie Barrett.	24	10	4	Nelson.	M	S	Washington.	Lowell, Ms.	William W. Barrett.	Caroline O. Powell.
Oct. 6	Susan H. Scott.	81	3	28	Braintree, Vt.	F	M	Stoughton, Ms.	Stoughton, Ms.	William Henry.	Lucy Battles.
Dec. 17	Paul E. G. French.	29	5	9	Milford.	M	S	Nashua.	Peterboro.	Charles W. French.	Mary C. Newton.

* Single, married or widowed.

I hereby certify that the foregoing transcript of births, marriages and deaths is correct, according to the best of my knowledge and belief.

FRED A. SCOTT, Town Clerk.

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